

daring have removed our frontiers from the Sabine almost to the Rio Grande, within two decades, and who have so developed our resources, that to-day we exercise a controlling commercial and political power in the American Union. Such a constituency impose grave and solemn responsibilities. But we are yet only in the infancy of our progress; a noble and vigorous manhood awaits the wise statesmanship of our legislators, and a just administration by the chosen rulers of the people. To foster a just and beneficent system of internal improvement; preserving the people from extortion and monopolies on the one hand and giving liberal encouragement to the investment of capital on the other; to foster immigration so that our vast solitudes may be filled by the coming millions from the worn-out lands of the old world and the new; to protect our frontiers under wise and wholesome laws from the ruthless savage; to organize a judicious system of common school education, so that in due time the children of the State, poor and rich, may reap the fruits of the labors of the fathers of the republic when they founded a magnificent school fund for their posterity; to inaugurate economy in the government, reducing taxation, while we, at the same time, preserve our honor and integrity and plighted faith; these are some of the chiefest of the many subjects gravely demanding legislation. The opportunity and duty are ours in conjunction with the other branches of the government to inaugurate a new era of efficiency and prosperity in the State. A majority of nearly fifty thousand of her sons in the great civic contest through which we have just passed, proclaims that of those to whom much has been entrusted, much will be required. For the first time in many years the government of Texas, by the fairest constitutional expression of the popular will, in all its departments is placed once more in the hands of the real representatives of the people. Let us so use that power that the bitterness and controversies and passions of the past may be forgotten in a common union and in a common brotherhood of sentiment for the honor and glory of Texas.

Emerging, in company with our sister States of the South, from great disasters, stricken with sorrows, borne down in the unequal contest, mutilated, poverty-stricken—a stainless, fadeless honor crowns her brow, still radiant with courage and hope.

Standing as we do in the presence of the mute memorials of our country's honor and glory—speaking from yonder monument in the vestibule of this Capitol, erected to the memory of the martyrs of liberty, and from the breathing canvass on its walls, telling us of the "heroic age" in our history—let us invoke the aid of that Providence whose

sway is justice and "who ruleth in the councils of men," that no false or faltering step may be taken in the path of honor and of duty.

Senator Culbertson moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Carried.

#### FOURTH DAY.

##### SENATE CHAMBER,

AUSTIN, January 16, 1874.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Absent—Senators Flanagan and Randle.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Ireland asked leave to introduce a bill. Granted.

He then offered a bill entitled, "An act to prevent sheriffs and other persons from paying over to G. W. Honey or A. Bledsoe, or to any person for them, any money or public funds."

Read first time.

Senator Dillard moved to suspend the rules. Carried.

The bill was read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Ball, the rules were further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Senator Ireland introduced a bill entitled "An act to prevent G. W. Honey and A. Bledsoe and others from paying out money or public funds."

Read first time.

On motion of Senator Westfall, the rules were suspended; bill read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Swift, the rules were further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Senator Ellis offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President of the Senate is hereby authorized to appoint a sufficient number of assistant sergeants-at-arms to protect the Senate Chamber from unlawful intrusion. The number of assistant sergeants-at-arms so appointed, and the duration of their services to be determined by the President of the Senate.

Adopted.

Senator Swift offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the secretary of the Senate be authorized to contract with the editor of the DEMOCRATIC STATESMAN, and the editor of the *State Gazette* for twenty-five copies of their paper for each Senator, to be divided as may be desired by the Senators.

Senator Wood moved to amend by inserting after the word "*Gazette*," "and Gal-

veston *Narr.* Amendment accepted, and the resolution as amended adopted.

The President of the Senate announced the following standing committees:

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#### ON JUDICIARY.

Ireland, Chairman,	Hobby,
Culberson,	Russell,
Wood,	Dillard,
Ball,	Ellis,
Bradley,	Friend,
Bradshaw,	Flanagan,
Camp,	

#### ON INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Culberson, Chairman,	Camp,
Wood,	Bradshaw,
Dwyer,	Swift,
Ireland,	Flanagan,
Westfall,	Hobby,
Ball,	Russell,

#### ON PENITENTIARY.

Ball, Chairman,	Allison,
Ellis,	Parker,
Friend,	Randle,

#### ON PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS.

Erath, Chairman,	Morris,
Stirman,	Moore,
Trollinger,	

#### ON EDUCATION.

Westfall, Chairman,	Culberson,
Wood,	Ball,
Ireland,	Camp,
Hobby,	

#### ON IMMIGRATION.

Dwyer, Chairman,	Dillard,
Ellis,	Ledbetter,
Bradley,	Randle,

#### ON FINANCE.

Baker, Chairman,	Erath,
Wood,	Ball,
Ireland,	Swift,
Camp,	Flanagan,

#### ON MILITIA.

Ellis, Chairman,	Davenport,
Dillard,	Dwyer,
Hobby,	Bradshaw,
Friend,	

#### ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Bradshaw, Chairman,	Randle,
Ball,	Wood,
Erath,	Flanagan,

#### ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Stirman, Chairman,	Allison,
Dillard,	Ellis,
Camp,	

#### ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

Dillard, Chairman,	Parker,
Hobby,	Bradley,
Davenport,	

#### ON COUNTIES AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES.

Flanagan, Chairman,	Moore,
Swift,	Friend,
Erath,	

#### ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Friend, Chairman,	Ellis,
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Hobby,	Parker,
Trollinger,	

#### ON CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Swift, Chairman,	Morris,
Dillard,	Ledbetter,
Wood,	

#### ON CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Ledbetter, Chairman,	Swift,
Westfall,	Baker,
Dwyer,	

#### ON PRINTING.

Davenport, Chairman,	Ball,
Dillard,	Friend,
Flanagan,	

#### ON FEDERAL RELATIONS.

Moore, Chairman,	Ball,
Camp,	Wood,
Dwyer,	Erath,

#### ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Hobby, Chairman,	Moore,
Flanagan,	Morris,
Davenport,	

#### ON PUBLIC DEBT.

Russell, Chairman,	Baker,
Ireland,	Wood,
Bradley,	

#### ON LAND OFFICE.

Bradley, Chairman,	Swift,
Ball,	Stirman,
Erath,	

#### ON INDIAN AFFAIRS AND FRONTIER PROTECTION.

Ball, Chairman,	Dwyer,
Westfall,	Trollinger,
Ledbetter,	

#### ON STOCK AND STOCK RAISING.

Allison, Chairman,	Parker,
Morris,	

#### RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM.

Wood, Chairman,	Camp,
Ellis,	Hobby,
Swift,	

#### AGRICULTURE.

Parker, Chairman,	Moore,
Stirman,	Morris,
Trollinger,	Erath,
Allison,	

#### ENGROSSED BILLS.

Randle, Chairman,	Friend,
Bradshaw,	

#### ENROLLED BILLS.

Hobby, Chairman,	Dwyer,
Westfall,	

#### COMPTROLLER'S AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Wood, Chairman,	Baker,
Ireland,	Ellis,
Camp,	Culberson,
Dillard,	

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Camp, Chairman,	Ireland,
Bradshaw,	Culberson,
Ball,	Dillard,
Bradley,	

Senator Culberson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the Secretary be authorized

to have printed ten thousand copies of the inaugurals of the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, for the use of the Senate.  
Adopted.

A message from the House was received, announcing that the House had appointed a committee of five, to act with a like committee on the part of the Senate, whose duty it shall be to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the Legislature is organized and ready to receive any communication from him; the committee from the House to consist of Representatives Epperson, Pickett, Moody, Reeves and Lawhon.

Senator Dillard offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing be requested to employ the State Printer, John Cardwell, to print one hundred copies of the Constitution of the State, and rules adopted by the Senate, and also a list of the standing committees, for the use of the Senate.

Senator Friend offered the following amendment: "And that the resolution adopted on yesterday requiring the Secretary to supply the Senate with copies of the rules be revoked."

The amendment was accepted and the resolution, as amended, adopted.

Senator Hobby offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, be appointed to act with a like committee on the part of the House, to wait upon his Excellency, Governor Coke, and inform him of the organization of the Fourteenth Legislature, and that that body is prepared to proceed to business. Resolution adopted, and Senators Hobby, Dwyer and Bradshaw, were appointed said committee.

The President announced the following named persons as assistant sergeants-at-arms of the Senate, for the time being: Fred Voight, D. M. Wilson, Ed. Rhodes Val C. Giles, R. L. Sublett and P. H. Callahan, who were duly sworn in.

Senator Westfall offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the secretary be instructed to procure postage, stamps, envelopes and wrappers sufficient for the use of the Senate for three weeks: to be paid for out of the contingent fund. Adopted.

A message from the House, announcing the passage of Senate bill No. 1, entitled "An act to prevent sheriffs and other persons from paying over to G. W. Honey or A. Bledsoe, or to any persons for them, any money or public funds;" also the passage by the House of Senate bill No. 2, entitled "An act to prevent G. W. Honey and A. Bledsoe and others, from paying out money or public funds."

Senator Hobby, on part of the joint committee to wait on his Excellency, Governor Coke, and inform him of the organization of the Fourteenth Legislature, made the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your committee appointed to act in conjunction with a like committee of the House to wait upon his Excellency, Governor Coke, and to inform him of the organization of the Fourteenth Legislature, and that the Legislature is prepared to proceed to business, beg leave to report that your committee have discharged the duty assigned to it, and that his Excellency, the Governor, informs the Fourteenth Legislature that he will communicate with that body as soon as practicable; and your committee ask to be discharged.

EDWIN HOBBY, Chairman.

A. BRADSHAW,

JOSEPH E. DWYER.

On motion of Senator Friend, the Senate adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met. Roll called: no quorum present.

Senator Westfall moved that the sergeant-at-arms be dispatched for absent members. Adopted, and the sergeant-at-arms ordered to bring in absentees.

The absentees having been brought, a quorum was announced, and business proceeded.

Senator Russell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That five hundred copies of the inaugural addresses of Governor Coke and Lieutenant-Governor Hubbard, be printed in the Spanish language, and one thousand in the German language, for the use of the Senate.

Senator Hobby, chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following reports:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your committee to whom was referred Senate bill No. 1, entitled "An Act to prevent sheriffs and other persons from paying over to G. W. Honey, or A. Bledsoe, or any other person for them, any money or public funds," beg leave to report that your committee have carefully examined the same, and find the bill correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:10 o'clock P. M., presented the said bill to the Governor for his approval.

HOBBY, Chairman.

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate:*

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 2, entitled "An act to prevent G. W. Honey, A. Bledsoe and others from paying out money or public funds," beg leave to report that

they have carefully examined the same, and find the bill correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:10 o'clock A. M., presented the said bill to the Governor for his approval.

HOBBS, Chairman.

(Senator Ball in the chair.)

(President in the chair.)

Senator Ireland moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Carried.

#### FIFTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,

AUSTIN, January 17, 1874.

Senate met. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by Rev. O. Fisher.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

The sergeant-at-arms announced a message from the Governor. The message was as follows:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

AUSTIN, TEXAS, January 17, 1874.

To the Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

I respectfully ask your consent to the appointment of George Clark to the office of Secretary of State.

RICHARD COKE, Governor.

Senator Ireland moved that the Senate go into Executive session. Carried. The Senate then went into Executive session.

IN SENATE.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the secretary was instructed to inform his Excellency the Governor that the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment of George Clark as Secretary of State.

Senator Bradshaw moved a reconsideration of the resolution adopted yesterday in regard to taking papers. Carried.

Senator Bradshaw then offered the following resolution as a substitute for the one adopted yesterday:

*Resolved*, That each Senator is entitled to twenty-five copies of any paper publishing the proceedings of this House, and the secretary of the Senate is authorized to contract for the same, *provided* they are furnished at a cost not to exceed seven cents per copy.

Senator Wood offered the following resolution as a substitute for the one offered by Senator Bradshaw:

*Resolved by the Senate*, That in addition to the twenty-five copies of the three newspapers authorized to be supplied Senators, that said number be increased to thirty for each Senator, and that the *Age*, published at Houston, be included in said number; and such other papers or paper published in the district of each Senator as he may see proper to order; the number of papers to be supplied each Senator in no case to exceed thirty. Lost.

Senator Ireland moved to insert in the resolution offered by Senator Bradshaw, the words "a fair synopsis of proceedings," after the word "publishing." Adopted.

Senator Wood moved to further amend said resolution by adding, "that each Senator furnish the secretary with a list of papers he desires to take under the resolution." Adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

Senator Ireland introduced the following bill:

"An act to regulate the call of the docket, and disposition of cases in the Supreme Court."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Culbertson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Judiciary Committee consider section three, article five, of the Constitution, and inquire if any further legislation is necessary in respect to the power of the Supreme Court to issue the writ of *mandamus* and such other writs as may be necessary to enforce its jurisdiction, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Adopted.

Senator Dillard stated that the doorkeeper was wanted as a witness in the District Court, and moved that he be excused to attend said court. Carried.

(Senator Flanagan in the chair.)

Senator Westfall introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the committees on Judiciary, Internal Improvements and Education, be empowered to employ clerks whenever, in their judgment, it may be necessary.

Adopted.

Senator Ireland, chairman Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate*: I am instructed by the Committee on the Judiciary to report that they have had under consideration a bill entitled "An act to regulate the call of the docket and disposition of cases in the Supreme Court," and that they recommend the passage of said Bill.

IRELAND, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Westfall, the rules were suspended, bill read second time; and ordered engrossed.

On further motion of Senator Westfall, the bill was read third time and passed.

(President in the chair.)

Senator Randle, chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

*Hon. R. B. Hubbard, President of the Senate*:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined a bill entitled "An act to regulate the call of the docket, and disposition